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POLICY FOR EXERCISE ARROW EXPRESS (U)
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REF: A. IMSWM-145-77, 23 JUN 77; B. ALLIED COMMAND
EUROPE EXERCISE PROGRAM 1977-1980, 1705/14-7/S115/76,
15 OCT 76

1. (U) REF A (POUCHED 27 JUN 77, #5441) FORWARDS THE
PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE AND PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICY
FOR SUBJECT EXERCISE AND REQUESTS COMMENTS/CONCURRENCE
BY COB 18 JUL 77. BECAUSE OF THE SHORT SUSPENSE REF A
IS QUOTED IN PARA 2 BELOW FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

2. (C) BEGIN QUOTE OF IMSWM-145-77. QUOTE:

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE AND PUBLIC INFORMATION
POLICY FOR EXERCISE ARROW EXPRESS

REFERENCES: A. SACEUR'S MSG P 161345Z JUN 77
B. 1977 ACE EXERCISE PROGRAMME, P. 1-H3, 4, 5, 6

1. THE PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE AT ENCLOSURE FOR EXERCISE ARROW EXPRESS HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM SACEUR REQUESTING APPROVAL.
2. ARROW EXPRESS IS A MULTI-NATIONAL LIVE FIELD TRAINING EXERCISE TO BE CONDUCTED IN DENMARK FROM 7 TO 30 SEPTEMBER. IN WHICH 16.000 TROOPS FROM NINE COUNTRIES WILL PARTICIPATE.
3. SACEUR HAS RECOMMENDED AN ACTIVE PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICY. ABOUT 100 MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES FROM COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE EXERCISE WILL BE INVITED. AN ALLIED PRESS INFORMATION CENTRE WILL BE ESTABLISHED BY COMBALTAP.
4. IT IS INTENDED THAT THE PROPOSED TEXT BE RELEASED SIMULTANEOUSLY BY SACEUR, CINCNORTH, CINCENT, COMBALTAP AND MODS THAT WISH TO DO SO ON 18 AUGUST 1977.
5. MILREPS ARE REQUESTED TO CONFIRM APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICY AND THE ENCLOSED PRESS RELEASE OR TO COMMENT THEREON, BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON 18 JULY, 1977. A FORM FOR WRITTEN REPLY IS ATTACHED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.
6. THIS DOCUMENT WILL BE DOWNGRADED TO NATO UNCLASSIFIED ON THE RELEASE DATE.

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R. TORP, MGEN, NOA, ACTING DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF.

PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE ON EXERCISE"ARROW EXPRESS"

SIXTEEN THOUSAND TROOPS FROM NINE COUNTRIES WILL PARTICIPATE IN A NATO FIELD EXERCISE TO BE CONDUCTED IN DENMARK FROM 7 TO 30 SEPTEMBER. THIS EXERCISE HAS BEEN NICKNAMED ARROW EXPRESS AND WILL TAKE PLACE MAINLY IN THE ZEALAND GROUP OF ISLANDS.

LIKE EXERCISE GREEN EXPRESS IN 1969 AND ABSALON EXPRESS IN 1973, ARROW EXPRESS IS ALSO DESIGNED TO TEST PROCEDURES FOR THE DEPLOYMENT TO DENMARK OF THE ALLIED COMMAND EUROPE MOBILE FORCE (AMF). THE PURPOSE OF THE EXERCISE FOR THE ACE MOBILE FORCE IS TO DEMONSTRATE NATO'S ABILITY TO DEPLOY QUICKLY TO ANY AREA WITHIN THE ALLIANCE AN EFFECTIVE COMBAT FORCE FROM SEVERAL NATIONS SIMULTANEOUSLY. THE FORCE IS INTENDED TO DETER AGGRESSION AND IN THE EVENT OF AGGRESSION TO FIGHT ALONGSIDE HOST NATION FORCES. IN EXERCISE ARROW EXPRESS THE AMF WILL BE PRACTICING ITS ABILITY TO DO THIS AND TO OPERATE WITH DANISH AND

UNITED KINGDOM (UK) FORCES. DURING THE EXERCISE THE
UK WILL BE DEMONSTRATING ITS ABILITY TO REINFORCE
DENMARK BY DEPLOYING THE UNITED KINGDOM MOBILE FORCE (UKMF).
THIS FORCE WILL BE USING THE EXERCISE TO PRACTICE OPERA-
TING WITH DANISH UNITS AND THE AMF.

ARROW EXPRESS IS ONE OF THE FIELD EXERCISES CONDUCTED
THIS YEAR AS PART OF THE AUTUMN FORGE EXERCISE PROGRAMME
OF ALLIED COMMAND EUROPE. ALL NATIONS WITH MILITARY
FORCES COMMITTED TO THE DEFENSE OF THE WESTERN WORLD ARE
SCHEDULED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AUTUMN FORGE PROGRAMME
WHICH LINKS TOGETHER, UNDER A COMMON SCENARIO, A NUMBER
OF NATIONAL, MULTI-NATIONAL AND NATO EXERCISES THROUGH-
OUT EUROPE, FROM NORWAY TO TURKEY.
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AUTUMN FORGE OBJECTIVES INCLUDE: TESTING AND REFINING

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THE CAPABILITY TO MOVE FORCES QUICKLY TO AREAS OF GREATEST
NEED EXPLORING WAYS TO IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION AND SUPPLY
SYSTEMS BETWEEN COMMANDS AND NATIONS AND IDENTIFYING AND
EVALUATING AREAS FOR STANDARDIZATION IN DOCTRINE, PRO-
CEDURES, EQUIPMENT AND ARMAMENT OF NATO FORCES.

THESE OBJECTIVES ARE A PART OF THE ACE-WIDE FORCE IMPRO-
VEMENT PROGRAMME INSTITUTED LAST AUGUST BY THE SUPREME
ALLIED COMMANDER EUROPE (SACEUR), GENERAL ALEXANDER M.

HAIG, JR. THAT PROGRAMME, AND THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S EXERCISE SERIES, IS CALLED "THE 3RS -- READINESS, RATIONALISATION, AND REINFORCEMENT." GENERAL HAIG BELIEVES THAT BY CONCENTRATING ON THE "3RS" DURING THIS YEAR'S SERIES OF EXERCISES, NATO FORCES WILL BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT IN COMBAT READINESS.

THE AMF AND UKMF (FORCES) WILL BE TRANSPORTED BY LAND, SEA AND AIR TO DENMARK, WHERE THEY WILL MANOEUVRE WITH DANISH FORCES.

THE AMF LAND COMPONENT CONSISTS OF UNITS FROM BELGIUM, GERMANY, ITALY, LUXEMBOURG, UNITED KINGDOM AND UNITED STATES, AND WILL BE UNDER THE COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL ALEXANDER M. WEYAND, US ARMY.

THE AIR COMPONENT CONSISTS OF SQUADRONS FROM CANADA,
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THE NETHERLANDS, UNITED KINGDOM AND UNITED STATES. THE UKMF WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE EXERCISE WITH ARMY UNITS AND AIR FORCE SQUADRONS UNDER THE COMMAND OF BRIGADIER M. S. GRAY. IN ADDITION, DANISH ARMY AND HOME GUARD FORCES AND UNITS OF THE DANISH AIR FORCE WILL TAKE PART.

ARROW EXPRESS IS SCHEDULED BY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER EUROPE, GENERAL ALEXANDER M. HAIG, JR., AND WILL BE CONDUCTED BY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ALLIED FORCES NORTHERN EUROPE, GENERAL SIR PETER WHITELEY, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ALLIED FORCES CENTRAL EUROPE, GENERAL FRANZ-JOSEPH SCHULZE, AND COMMANDER ALLIED FORCES BALTIC APPROACHES, LT. GENERAL ANDERS CHRISTIAN BUGGE VEGGER.

EXERCISE COMMANDERS ARE COMMANDER LAND FORCES ZEALAND, MAJOR GENERAL I.K. LIND, AND COMMANDER ALLIED AIR FORCES BALTIC APPROACHES, MAJOR GENERAL J. BRODERSEN.

UNQUOTE.

3. (C) COMMENT: RECOMMEND THAT LINE 3, PARA 3 OF THE PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE BE CHANGED TO READ: "ALL NATO NATIONS WITH MILITARY FORCES COMMITTED TO THE DEFENSE OF ALLIED COUNTRIES ARE SCHEDULED....., FROM NORWAY TO TURKEY." REASON: CONSISTENT WITH GUIDANCE RECEIVED CONCERNING THE PRESS RELEASE FOR AUTUMN FORGE.

4. (C) REF B, PAGE 1-H-5, UNDER POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS: INDICATES NON EXPECTED.

5. (U) REQUEST COMMENTS/CONCURRENCE NLT 15 JULY 1977.
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